

# ARIZONA Planning Bulletin



Agua Fria National Monument Plan &  
Bradshaw Foothills/ Harquahala Management Plan Revision

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## Draft Plans Available Soon

The long-awaited *draft* Resource Management Plans (RMPs) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Agua Fria National Monument and the Bradshaw-Harquahala planning areas will be available for public review beginning January 6, 2006.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) invites you to continue making your voices heard by participating in the review of the draft. Your comments will help establish *final* Resource Management Plans which best serve the needs of the American People.

For your convenience, copies of the document will be available in printed versions, and electronically on a CD and on the Internet.

## Your Comments Are in the Plan

There are five different management *Alternatives* analyzed in the *draft* Resource Management Plans and the Environmental Impact Statement that were developed with the help of previous public comments.



Public comments and many hours of collaboration with members of the public, Federal, State, and local government agencies, enabled the BLM to develop *Alternatives* that we feel reflect the interests of the communities.

To gain substantial feedback on the draft, we will host a series of meetings during the 90-day review period which is scheduled to begin once the draft plan is announced as available to the public.

*Alternative E* is BLM's preferred RMPs *Alternative*. It is designed to respond to each of the issues and management concerns recognized during the planning process in the most comprehensive manner possible.

## Planning Workshops

We will be holding "*Getting Acquainted with the Plan*" workshops prior to our formal meetings. These instructional workshops will assist you in navigating through the document electronically and serve to explain the different components within the documents.

We urge you to attend these workshops and explore different ways you can participate in the planning process. **Note: No comments on the plan will be solicited at the workshops.**

Each workshop will open with a brief presentation on the scope of the planning document. Trained members of the content analysis team will be on hand to answer technical questions and to provide instructions to interested individuals on how to use the CD and access the Internet version of the plan.

The workshop facilitators will also demonstrate methods on how to electronically find specific sites on maps or resource programs within the *draft* RMPs and EIS.

## Public Meetings

After you have a chance to review the draft plan, formal meetings will be held. These meetings will occur in March 2006.

At these meetings, our goal is to gather your official comments. You may also submit your comments in writing at anytime during the public comment period (see *How to Submit Comments*).

## Proposed Meeting Locations

The “*Getting Acquainted with the Plan*” workshops will take place in January 2006. These workshops will be held in or near the following locations:

Wickenburg  
Castle Hot Springs  
Yarnell  
Buckeye/Tonopah  
North Phoenix  
Black Canyon City/New River  
Prescott/Prescott Valley  
Mayer  
Cordes Lakes

The formal meetings locations are:

Wickenburg  
Cordes Lakes/Prescott  
Black Canyon City/New River  
Buckeye/Tonopah  
Phoenix

All meetings will be announced on our web site once dates and locations are set. Be sure to visit the web site for announcements and availability of the draft plans. For those individuals who can not make the meetings you are welcome to call the Phoenix District and schedule a time to receive hands-on-training at our office.

## How to Get a Copy of the Document

Once the draft plans are made available; you can get, or view, a copy in one of the following ways:

- View the document at our ePlanning website located at [www.blm.gov/az/LUP/aguafrica/afria\\_plan.htm](http://www.blm.gov/az/LUP/aguafrica/afria_plan.htm)
- Download parts or the entire document from the web in PDF format also on the ePlanning website
- Check out a hard copy of the plan at your public library. For specific locations see our web site
- Request a hard copy or a CD from the BLM’s Phoenix District by one of the following methods:

### Write to:

Bureau of Land Management  
AFNM/Bradshaw-Harquahala Plan  
21605 N. 7th Ave,  
Phoenix, AZ 85027

### Call:

623.580.5500

### Email:

AZ\_AFNM\_Bradshaw@blm.gov

## How to Submit Comments

Your comments are critical for the development of effective management plans. Comments are essential in identifying necessary changes to the draft.

Please submit your comments using one of the following methods:

- Submit on the internet through the comment tool in ePlanning
- Mail to the address listed above
- Fax to (623) 580-5580  
(attention AFNM/Bradshaw)
- Email to [az\\_afnm\\_bradshaw@blm.gov](mailto:az_afnm_bradshaw@blm.gov)

Please visit the web site at [www.az.blm.gov](http://www.az.blm.gov) for continued updates on the planning process and tips on submitting comments.

## Deadline for Comments

*Comments on this draft will be accepted through the 90 day public review period.* The exact date will be determined after the draft plan is available to the public.

## Communities Engaged

The BLM-Phoenix District invited several community members to participate in a presentation



describing the participation of your colleagues during the preparation phase of the planning effort. These interviews were made into a video denoting the thoughts of each person.

## Meet Your Workshop Facilitators

Representatives from the District Leadership team; along with Chris Horyza, Lead Planner, will be present at the workshops.



Additionally, we are proud to introduce the content analysis team; Genevieve Johnson, Matthew Magaletti, Arlene Tavizon, John Priecko, and Lillian Robinson

(writer/editor). These individuals will be the primary facilitators at the workshops.

There were numerous individuals who contributed to the development of the draft plans. For a complete list please refer to pages 636 – 639 in the draft plans and the electronic version on the ePlanning web site.



## Did you Know...

The Phoenix Field Office is now the Phoenix District. We are restructuring to better meet land management needs. The Phoenix District will now be divided into two distinct geographic areas (see map). Management areas north of Interstate 10 will be managed by the Hassayampa Field Office. All BLM managed public lands and mineral estate south of Interstate 10 will be under the Lower Sonoran Field Office. The draft RMP will fall within the boundaries of the Hassayampa Field Office.

Importantly, the name change does not affect the quality of service the public will receive. We will be even more committed to maintaining the lands and resources in a manner that is beneficial to the needs of the people.

